



BEN B. CHENEY FOUNDATION
Helping people and their communities

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Executive Director's Report

At the end of 2016 the Ben B. Cheney Foundation had completed 42 years of grant making. Over that time the Foundation has made 5,311 grants to 1,356 organizations totalling \$94,918,042. One reason the Foundation has been able to serve such a large number of organizations is its focus on making grants for important projects that are in addition to an organization's regular operating budget. These projects can include starting new programs, expanding existing programs, equipment, and buildings. Project by project the Foundation looks at how the added capacity will assist an organization in working towards its mission.

As you look through the grant listings that follow, you will notice that the descriptions often cite specific items such as renovating a building or acquiring a vehicle. While those descriptions tell you what grant monies were used for—what tools the grant helped to buy—they don't tell you why a grant was made. That is the nature of grant directory listings due to the space available.

Grant seekers should keep in mind that the Foundation makes grants based upon what an organization plans to accomplish. That begins with sharing the need or opportunity that your organization plans to address; then sharing the plan to address that need or to take advantage of that opportunity. Those two elements are at the heart of a compelling request. Buildings and vehicles are only tools that grants buy, not the purpose that motivates funders to make grants.

You can learn more about our grant making process at www.benbcheneyfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Brad Cheney
Executive Director





2015 Grants

Charity

Catholic Community Services of Western Washington Tacoma, WA	\$50,000
Assist the campaign to construct the New Nativity House.	
Coastal Harvest Hoquiam, WA	\$30,000
Replace a refrigerated trailer to transport food to local food programs.	
Emergency Food Network Lakewood, WA	\$7,500
Support the Holiday Grant Program.	
FISH Food Banks of Pierce County Tacoma, WA	\$7,500
Support the Holiday Grant Program.	
Food Connection Tacoma, WA	\$30,000
Relocate the food bank within Tahoma Center.	
Habitat for Humanity, Tacoma/Pierce County Tacoma, WA	\$200,000
Provide a Program Related Investment to open three to five ReStores in Pierce County.	
Peninsula Community Foundation Gig Harbor, WA	\$2,500
Support the Food Backpacks 4 Kids program.	
Reaching Our Community Grants Pass, OR	\$14,000
Build a free standing roof shelter to protect clients and food from the elements.	
Rescue Mission Tacoma, WA	\$2,500
Support the activities of the Mission.	
Rescue Mission Tacoma, WA	\$7,500
Support the 2015 Holiday Grant Program.	

Saint Vincent de Paul-Rogue Valley Medford, OR	\$25,000
Expand the Urban Rest Stop for homeless families.	
Salvation Army Puyallup Valley Corps Puyallup, WA	\$7,500
Support the 2015 Holiday Grant Program.	
Salvation Army Tacoma Corps Tacoma, WA	\$7,500
Support the 2015 Holiday Grant Program.	
Serenity House Port Angeles, WA	\$15,000
Renovate the Housing Resource Center.	
South Kitsap Helpline Port Orchard, WA	\$23,000
Acquire a truck for food pickup and delivery.	
Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor Aberdeen, WA	\$35,000
Renovate the first floor of the Mission in Aberdeen.	
Union Gospel Mission-Olympia Olympia, WA	\$30,000
Renovate main building to expand the day room and food program in downtown Olympia.	

Civic

Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound Tacoma, WA	\$7,500
Support the agency's participation in the South Sound Together project.	
Community Foundation of North Central Washington Wenatchee, WA	\$25,000
Support relief efforts of the Okanagan Complex wildfires which have burned over 450 sq. miles.	



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<p>Foundation Center New York, NY</p> <p>Provide public access to grantmaking information during 2015.</p>	\$2,000	<p>RallyPoint/6 Lakewood, WA</p> <p>Support the agency's participation in the South Sound Together project.</p>	\$7,500
<p>Foundation for Tacoma Students Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Support the agency's participation in the South Sound Together project.</p>	\$7,500	<p>ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum Ashland, OR</p> <p>Create an exhibit shop for the museum and its programs.</p>	\$50,000
<p>Habitat for Humanity, Tacoma/Pierce County Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Support the agency's participation in the South Sound Together project.</p>	\$7,500	<p>Tacoma Mountain Rescue Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Purchase and equip a new truck.</p>	\$20,000
<p>Hands on Children's Museum Olympia, WA</p> <p>Complete Phase II of the museum campaign.</p>	\$40,000	<p>Tacoma, City of Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Create a Kid's Play Area at Cheney Stadium.</p>	\$175,000
<p>Humboldt County Historical Society Eureka, CA</p> <p>Replace an urgently needed roof on the Museum.</p>	\$5,000	<p>United Methodist Shasta Camp Shingletown, CA</p> <p>Purchase solar panels for the power project.</p>	\$5,000
<p>Job Carr Cabin Museum Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Support general operations or wherever the need is greatest during 2015.</p>	\$2,500	<h2>Culture</h2> <hr/>	
<p>Key Peninsula Historical Society & Museum Vaughn, WA</p> <p>Purchase and install display cases and archival storage boxes.</p>	\$10,000	<p>Symphony Tacoma Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Support the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.</p>	\$35,000
<p>Museum of Flight Seattle, WA</p> <p>Construct the Aviation Pavilion on the Museum's campus.</p>	\$100,000	<p>Tacoma Concert Band Lakewood, WA</p> <p>Support the final two concerts of the 2014-2015 season.</p>	\$6,000
<p>Nonprofit Leaders Conference for Coastal and SW Washington Ocean Shores, WA</p> <p>Support the 2015 and 2016 annual conference.</p>	\$4,000	<p>Tacoma Musical Playhouse Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Support the theatre wherever the need is greatest.</p>	\$5,000
<p>Philanthropy Northwest Seattle, WA</p> <p>Support grantmaker education and services during 2015.</p>	\$7,355	<h2>Education</h2> <hr/>	
<p>Pony Up Rescue for Equines Gig Harbor, WA</p> <p>Support programming.</p>	\$5,000	<p>Annie Wright School Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Support the Strength to Strength Campaign.</p>	\$125,000
		<p>Bellarmino Preparatory School Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Build a new Campus Center at the school.</p>	\$125,000
		<p>First Presbyterian Church School Tacoma, WA</p> <p>Support school needs.</p>	\$5,000



Foundation for Tacoma Students Tacoma, WA Support activities of the Foundation.	\$2,500
Foundation for Tacoma Students Tacoma, WA First year commitment towards three years of support for 2015-2017.	\$60,000
Merle Palmer Minority Scholarship Tacoma, WA Purchase office equipment needed for students, staff and volunteer support.	\$9,150
Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, WA Support the Annual Fund.	\$5,000
Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, WA Scholarship program, 2015-2017.	\$60,000
Saint Martin's University Lacey, WA Scholarship program, 2015-2017.	\$40,000
South Bend School District South Bend, WA Replace the sound system in Koplitz Field House.	\$30,000
Stand for Children Seattle, WA Support family engagement programs for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.	\$20,000
Tacoma Community College Foundation Tacoma, WA Provide scholarship assistance.	\$2,500
University of Puget Sound Tacoma, WA Upgrade spectator seating area at the baseball field.	\$100,000
Whitworth University Spokane, WA Scholarship program, 2015-2017.	\$40,000

Elderly

Faith in Action Belfair, WA Build a new facility serving seniors in Belfair.	\$50,000
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Franke Tobey Jones Tacoma, WA Purchase laptops for the Ruston Senior Center computer classes and in-home technology program.	\$6,250
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Health

Franciscan Foundation Tacoma, WA Renovate the special care nursery.	\$150,000
Harrison Medical Center Foundation Bremerton, WA Purchase two cardiac monitors for use by South Kitsap Fire and Rescue.	\$40,000
La Clinica del Valle Medford, OR Assist the capital campaign for the new Wellness Center in Medford.	\$50,000
Mary Bridge Children's Foundation Tacoma, WA Support "Stock the Shelves" at the Tree House.	\$5,000
MultiCare Health Foundation Tacoma, WA Purchase patient support tools or supplies at the Gig Harbor Cancer Center.	\$2,500

Social Services

ARK Institute of Learning Tacoma, WA Support programming.	\$5,000
Children's Home Society of Washington Seattle, WA Support programs in Key Peninsula schools	\$50,000
Children's Museum of Tacoma Tacoma, WA Start an Early Learning Center to provide childcare in downtown Tacoma.	\$100,000
Exceptional Foresters, Inc. Shelton, WA Purchase desktop and tablets to support staff working with clients.	\$10,000



Family Education & Support Services Olympia, WA Purchase six modular work stations in support of new programming.	\$5,000	Allyn Community Association Allyn, WA Purchase and install new playground equipment.	\$6,000
Freedom Education Project Seattle, WA Establish a pilot college program at Mission Creek women's prison.	\$10,000	Ben B. Cheney Foundation High School Scholarship Program Tacoma, WA Scholarships for high school seniors who participated in a varsity-level athletic team. One awardee from each of 30 Pierce County High Schools and South Bend High School.	\$87,000
Holly Ridge Center Bremerton, WA Build a playground designed for the special needs of the Center's Infant/Toddler program.	\$25,000	Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound Tacoma, WA Support programming at the Gig Harbor Club.	\$7,500
Kokua Lacey, WA Support the technology upgrade project to replace inadequate and inefficient computers.	\$5,000	Camp Nor'Wester Edmonds, WA Support programming.	\$5,000
Mountain View Community Center Edgewood, WA Assist the start-up of the Circles program.	\$15,000	Charles Wright Academy Tacoma, WA Support the athletic program and booster efforts.	\$5,000
Multicultural Child & Family Hope Center Tacoma, WA Support the Parent to Parent program for those working to regain custody of their children.	\$10,000	Communities In Schools of Lakewood Lakewood, WA Purchase a color copier.	\$8,000
RallyPoint/6 Lakewood, WA Provide support for the development of the one-stop center for military families during transition to civilian life.	\$100,000	Communities In Schools of Peninsula Tacoma, WA Expand the program to two more schools with their own site coordinators.	\$14,000
Special Olympics Washington Seattle, WA Purchase flag sets needed by the soccer events during summer games.	\$2,000	Eagle Point School District Eagle Point, OR Support Charley Givan Scholarships.	\$10,000
Y.W.C.A., Tacoma-Pierce County Tacoma, WA Replace worn and broken furniture in the emergency shelter.	\$25,000	Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sandy, OR Support programming in Washington and Oregon.	\$5,000
		First Tee Tacoma, WA Support the programs of the organization.	\$5,000
		Greater Metro Parks Foundation Tacoma, WA Expand playfields at the South End Recreation and Activities Campus.	\$45,000
Abraham Lincoln Elementary Booster Club Medford, OR Replace the old, inadequate play structure that will accommodate a greater number and total age range of students.	\$5,000		

Youth



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Pacific International League Seattle, WA Support the 2015 baseball season.	\$15,000	Y.M.C.A. of Grays Harbor Hoquiam, WA Purchase a yurt for the outdoor learning space at Camp Bishop.	\$15,000
Red Barn Youth Center Vaughn, WA Install a volley ball court for summer use at the Barn.	\$8,000	Y.M.C.A. of Pierce and Kitsap Counties Tacoma, WA Provide scholarship assistance to low income teens to summer camps during 2015.	\$5,000
Tacoma Community Boat Builders Tacoma, WA Support programming.	\$2,500	Youth and Family Link Longview, WA Recruit and train 20 more matches in the Teen Mentoring Program.	\$10,000
University of Puget Sound Tacoma, WA Support the baseball program.	\$2,500		
Wilderness Trails Medford, OR Build a kitchen and shower facility to support the tent camping programs at Wilderness Trails.	\$25,000		
		<hr/> Ben B. Cheney Foundation Matching Gift Program Tacoma, WA Encourage giving by directors, family, and staff to qualifying nonprofits. (49 awards)	\$27,354

Matching Gifts



2016 Grants

Charity

Community Youth Services Olympia, WA Assist with the costs of establishing a shelter for homeless youth in Tacoma.	\$12,000
Emergency Food Network Lakewood, WA Support the 2016 Holiday Grant Program.	\$7,500
Emergency Food Network Lakewood, WA Support the Capacity Building Campaign.	\$100,000
FISH Food Banks of Pierce County Tacoma, WA Purchase a refrigerator and freezer for the Lakes Food Bank.	\$6,700
FISH Food Banks of Pierce County Tacoma, WA Support the 2016 Holiday Grant Program.	\$7,500
Mercy Foundation North Redding, CA Acquire a truck for the senior nutrition and food bank programs.	\$35,000
NW Furniture Bank Tacoma, WA Purchase a spring baler for the mattress recycling program.	\$6,600
Rescue Mission Tacoma, WA Support activities of the Mission.	\$7,500
Rescue Mission Tacoma, WA Support 2016 Holiday Grant Program.	\$7,500
Rogue Retreat Medford, OR Purchase and replace old and inefficient office equipment.	\$9,000

Salvation Army Puyallup Valley Corps Puyallup, WA Support the 2016 Holiday Grant Program.	\$7,500
Salvation Army Tacoma Corps Tacoma, WA Support the 2016 Holiday Grant Program.	\$7,500
Urban Grace Tacoma, WA Purchase and install flooring in the kitchen in support of the breakfast program.	\$5,000
Willapa Harbor Food Bank Raymond, WA Acquire and install flooring and equipment for the food bank.	\$17,000

Civic

American Leadership Forum Tacoma, WA Assist the leadership development program during the 2016 and 2017 fiscal years.	\$40,000
Foundation Center New York, NY Support grantmaking activities during 2016.	\$2,000
Fox Island Historical Society Fox Island, WA Support the renovation of the Acheson log cabin.	\$2,500
Greater Metro Parks Foundation Tacoma, WA Support building the Eastside Community and Aquatics Center.	\$150,000
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Tacoma, WA Support the installation of Beloved Ivan at the Point Defiance Zoo.	\$15,000



Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Tacoma, WA Create and install a statue of Ivan the gorilla.	\$20,000
Greenview Playground Committee Arcata, CA Create an all-inclusive and accessible playground.	\$10,000
LeMay-America's Car Museum Tacoma, WA Create the new Learning Lab: Powering the Future.	\$75,000
Museum of Glass Tacoma, WA Upgrade audio-visual equipment in the hot shop.	\$44,000
Nonprofit Leaders Conference for Coastal and SW Washington Ocean Shores, WA Cover the expenses for the keynote speaker in 2016.	\$1,000
P.O.O.L. Foundation Raymond, WA Replace equipment needed to maintain the pool.	\$10,500
Philanthropy Northwest Seattle, WA Support 2016 grantmaking activities.	\$7,505
South Pierce County Historical Society Eatonville, WA Support the Tofu House relocation project and create exhibits.	\$6,000
Turtle Bay Exploration Park Redding, CA Support the new Lifecycle of the Forest exhibit.	\$35,000

Culture

Gig Harbor Film Festival Gig Harbor, WA Support capacity building efforts.	\$7,500
Grand Cinema Tacoma, WA Expand the educational programming of the film club and summer camps.	\$10,000

Education

Annie Wright School Tacoma, WA Support the From Strength to Strength Campaign.	\$75,000
Bellarmino Preparatory School Tacoma, WA Complete the Connelly Campus Center campaign.	\$75,000
Central Washington University Foundation Ellensburg, WA Expand educational opportunities to Joint Base Lewis McCord.	\$25,000
College Success Foundation Issaquah, WA Continue the College Success Program in Tacoma schools.	\$75,000
Foundation for Tacoma Students Tacoma, WA Support activities of the Graduate Tacoma Movement.	\$7,500
Foundation for Tacoma Students Tacoma, WA Second year commitment towards three years of support for 2015-2017.	\$60,000
Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, WA Support the Bjug Harstad Day of Giving.	\$2,500
Seattle Pacific University Seattle, WA Scholarship Program 2016-2017.	\$20,000
University of Portland Portland, OR Support upgrades to the seating and spectator amenities at Etzel Stadium.	\$75,000
University of Puget Sound Tacoma, WA Contribute to the Ron Thomas Scholarship Fund in recognition of his service.	\$10,000
University of Puget Sound Tacoma, WA Scholarship Program 2016-2018.	\$60,000



University of Washington Tacoma \$60,000
Tacoma, WA
Scholarship Program 2016-2018.

Elderly

Alder House \$35,000
South Bend, WA
Replace the roof of the senior living facility.

Arc of Jackson County \$10,000
Medford, OR
Expand respite social clubs.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments \$30,000
Central Point, OR
Renovate a building for the Josephine County Senior Meals distribution center and meal site.

Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice \$50,000
Medford, OR
Create an inpatient hospice facility at the Holmes Park House.

Spirit of Resh Foundation \$5,000
Jacksonville, OR
Develop curriculum for the Loss to Legacy grief program.

Tacoma Lutheran Home Foundation \$5,000
Tacoma, WA
Support the shuttle bus campaign.

Washington State Senior Games \$5,000
Olympia, WA
Support the 2016 Senior Games.

Health

American Cancer Society, Western \$15,000
Washington
Tacoma, WA
Support the Emergency Transportation Taxi Voucher program in Pierce County.

Community Health Care \$100,000
Tacoma, WA
Support the Hilltop Health Center Capstone campaign.

Good Samaritan Foundation \$10,000
Tacoma, WA
Support needs of the Children's Therapy Unit.

Hospice of Humboldt \$15,000
Eureka, CA
Purchase and install patient security system.

Mary Bridge Children's Foundation \$5,000
Tacoma, WA
Support the 2016 Santa Breakfast

Mary Bridge Children's Foundation \$250,000
Tacoma, WA
Support the Building Dreams Together Campaign.

Rachel Lynn Henley Foundation \$2,000
Tacoma, WA
Purchase equipment needed to enhance operations and promotion of the Foundation.

Saint Joseph Hospital \$50,000
Eureka, CA
Purchase a 3-D mammography unit.

Social Services

Coffee Oasis \$25,000
Bremerton, WA
Open a new site in Kingston.

Edge Foundation \$75,000
Seattle, WA
Expand the program in Tacoma and Pierce County.

Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region \$18,000
Tacoma, WA
Acquire equipment for the Neighborhood Bistro Kitchen.

National Alliance on Mental Illness SW WA \$5,000
Kelso, WA
Improve signage and make ADA improvements at the Kelso office.

REACH Center \$40,000
Tacoma, WA
Assist the implementation of an Operations Manager position.

Sound Outreach Services \$15,000
Tacoma, WA
Support programming and staff.



Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities Tacoma, WA Assist in updating technology for TACID.	\$27,000	Fife High School Booster Club Fife, WA Install new lights at the Fife High School field.	\$60,000
Tacoma Community Boat Builders Tacoma, WA Provide operating support for capacity building.	\$30,000	Harbor WildWatch Gig Harbor, WA Assist the Skansie Education Enhancement Project.	\$25,000
Tacoma Community House Tacoma, WA Support the Embracing the American Promise campaign.	\$100,000	Hilltop Artists Tacoma, WA Replace equipment in the Jason Lee hot shop.	\$30,000
Youth		Kitsap Children's Musical Theatre Poulsbo, WA Purchase LED lights as part of the equipment upgrades project.	\$7,600
Bainbridge Island Little League Bainbridge Island, WA Construct a covered batting cage and practice shed.	\$15,000	Lassen Park Foundation Anderson, CA Create a new Volcano Adventure Camp within Lassen National Park.	\$35,000
Ben B. Cheney Foundation High School Scholarship Program Tacoma, WA Scholarships for high school seniors who participated in a varsity-level athletic team. One awardee from each of 30 Pierce County High Schools and South Bend High School.	\$90,000	Pacific International League Seattle, WA Support the 2016 baseball season.	\$15,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound Tacoma, WA Support programs at the Gig Harbor Club.	\$10,000	Sound Experience Port Townsend, WA Support Phase 2 of the Adventuress Centennial Restoration Project.	\$25,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound Tacoma, WA Renovate a building for a new center in North Mason County.	\$100,000	South Bend School District South Bend, WA Purchase uniforms and equipment for the re-instated baseball program.	\$12,750
Children's Museum of Tacoma Tacoma, WA Support activities of the museum.	\$5,000	Tacoma, City of Tacoma, WA Create a Kids' Play Area at Cheney Stadium. (2nd of 2 payments).	\$175,000
Eagle Point School District Eagle Point, OR Support Charley Givan Scholarships.	\$10,000	Toy Rescue Mission Tacoma, WA Purchase shelving and a bookcase for the store area.	\$7,500
Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sandy, OR Support the marriage retreat for staff leadership.	\$5,000	Toy Rescue Mission Tacoma, WA Support holiday expenses.	\$2,500

University of Portland Portland, OR	\$2,500
Support the University of Portland baseball program.	
Willapa Behavioral Health Long Beach, WA	\$40,000
Continue the work of the Pacific County Youth Alliance in 2017.	
Youth for Christ West Sound Silverdale, WA	\$30,000
Create the new Bremerton City Life Center.	
Youth Marine Foundation Tacoma, WA	\$50,000
Renovate the training and administration building at the Youth Marine site.	

Matching Gifts

Ben B. Cheney Foundation Matching Gift Program Tacoma, WA	\$13,242
Encourage giving by directors, family, and staff to qualifying nonprofits. (35 awards)	



2015-216 Grants by Category

